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For: **THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER LAMINATED MATERIAL**

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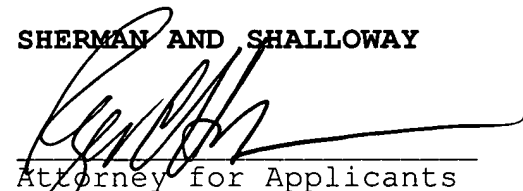
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This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 14, 2003, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on February 14, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed under the Saturday, Sunday, Holiday rule.

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.